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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
SCHEDULING WITNESSES

(Issued November 14, 2001)

The schedule for the appearance of witnesses presenting the direct case of the Postal Service is set forth in Attachment A. As discussed at the prehearing conference, hearings normally will continue until cross-examination of all scheduled witnesses is completed. In order to accommodate the schedules of Postal Service witnesses, and of counsel who must prepare to cross-examine those witnesses, hearings each day will begin with the witnesses scheduled to appear on that day following the order appearing in Attachment A. Participants requesting an exception to this procedure will be expected to contact the Postal Service and all counsel indicating an intent to cross-examine witnesses scheduled to appear on that day prior to making such a request.

The schedule includes dates for the appearances of three Postal Service witnesses for which availability has not been established. If necessary, adjustments to the schedule will be made.

On several dates no witnesses are scheduled to appear. Hearings may be held on these dates if necessary to accommodate extended cross-examination, or if there is a need to recall witnesses.

The Postal Service has requested that participants attempt to minimize the number of discovery requests filed on December 10, 2001. Responses to discovery filed on that day would be due Christmas Eve. This request is reasonable and participants are urged to honor this request if at all possible. Additionally, the Postal Service requests that the final date for non-witness specific discovery requests concerning the direct case of the Postal Service be established as November 26, 2001. That request is granted.

RULING

1. Attachment A schedules the appearance of Postal Service witnesses in this case.
2. The final date for non-witness specific discovery requests concerning the direct case of the Postal Service is November 26, 2001.


George Omas
Presiding Officer

**SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS TO RECEIVE
THE DIRECT CASE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE**

Witness

December 13, 2001	Tolley (USPS-T-7) Thress (USPS-T-8) Musgrave (USPS-T-9) Bernstein (USPS-T-10)
December 14, 2001	Shaw (USPS-T-1) Pafford (USPS-T-3) Hunter (USPS-T-4) Harahush (USPS-T-5) Xie (USPS-T-2)
December 17, 2001	Meehan (USPS-T-11) Patelunas (USPS-T-12) Kay (USPS-T-21) Smith (USPS-T-15)
December 18, 2001	Pickett (USPS-T-17) Bradley (USPS-T-16) Schenk (USPS-T-43)
December 19, 2001	Mayes (USPS-T-23) Miller (USPS-T-24)
December 20, 2001	Loetscher (USPS-T-41) Moeller (USPS-T-32) Hope (USPS-T-31)
January 2, 2002	No witnesses scheduled
January 3, 2002	Abdirahman (USPS-T-42) Koroma (USPS-T-44) Taufique (USPS-T-34) Mayo (USPS-T-35)
January 4, 2002	Kingsley (USPS-T-39)

January 7, 2002	Spatola (USPS-T-20) Takis (USPS-T-19) Hatfield (USPS-T-18) Scherer (USPS-T-30) Cochrane (USPS-T-40)
January 8, 2002	Bozzo (USPS-T-14) Van-Ty-Smith (USPS-T-13)
January 9, 2002	Miller (USPS-T-22) Robinson (USPS-T-29)
January 10, 2002	Rothschild (USPS-T-27) Kaneer (USPS-T-38) Koroma (USPS-T-37) Mayo (USPS-T-36) Nieto (USPS-T-26)
January 11, 2002	Eggleston (USPS-T-25) Kiefer (USPS-T-33)
January 14, 2002	Tayman (USPS-T-6)
January 15, 2002	Moeller (USPS-T-28)
January 16, 2002	No witnesses scheduled